Whitsun Term Celebration Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of term newsletter where we celebrate everything that has happened this term!

Our choir takes part in Charity event



On the final day of last term – unfortunately too late to include in the Spring newsletter – our Year 6 choir took part in a charity event at the Citadel in Norwich, performing to an audience of residents from local care homes.

The children delivered two wartime songs, entering the stage as World War II evacuees to the sound of an air raid siren. Dressed in coats and scarves and carrying suitcases, they created a powerful and atmospheric scene.

They sang beautifully, demonstrating both professionalism and enthusiasm throughout their performance. In recognition of their efforts, the choir was presented with a framed certificate and a book about World War II, which will be a welcome addition to our school library.

Mini Monsters Roadshow



Our Whitsun term started off in typical Free School fashion with a visit from a snake, a millipede, a bearded dragon, giant land snail and a tarantula as part of the Mini Monsters Roadshow! Children in all classes had the opportunity to learn about these animals and touch them if they wanted to! This visit was paid for by our PTFA and is definitely something we'd love to do again!

Plastic Free Snack Week

As part of our Eco Schools work took part in Plastic Free Snack Week. During this week, we encouraged all children to bring in a plastic-free snack wherever possible. The Eco Committee shared ideas with the classes, and teachers discussed simple ways we can all help reduce single-use plastic in school.



.

Throughout the week, members of the Eco Committee visited classrooms to see how many children brought in plastic-free snacks. The class with the least amount of plastic waste by the end of the week won a special prize!

Eco- Anti Litter Posters



Our anti-litter poster display certainly brightened up the front of the school and playground! The children worked incredibly hard to create bold, eye-catching posters packed with important messages about looking after our environment and keeping our community tidy. Their creativity, humour and thoughtful ideas really shone through, and it was wonderful to see so many children and adults stopping to look at the display and talk about the messages. We hope you had the chance to enjoy the fantastic artwork on display too — the children were extremely proud of their work and loved seeing it showcased around the school!

Year 4 History trip



Year 4 visited Norwich Castle Museum to take part in the Romans and Iceni Tribe Experience, where they gained a fascinating insight into life in Roman Britain and the resistance of the Iceni tribe.

During the visit, pupils explored Roman armour and weapons, handled real artefacts, created their own torcs, and enjoyed a guided tour of the Boudica and Romans galleries led by a museum curator.

Time and Tide Museum Trip



What a truly special day out Year 2 had at the Time and Tide Museum, bringing their seaside learning from the past to life! They battled as Mods and Rockers to try and win the seafront, then met a Victorian lady who had time travelled, helping them to consolidate their

knowledge of seaside holidays in the Victorian period.

Children also watched a fantastic Punch and Judy show, which had them all in fits of giggles. During the afternoon, everyone a trip to the beach for some treasure hunting. Children found sea glass and all kinds of other treasures.

A fantastic day — one for the memory banks!



Year 6 Gressenhall Trip



Children in Year 6 had an immersive Gressenhall trip where they stepped back in time to experience life as World War II evacuees living in rural Britain. It was a day filled with hands-on learning, fun, and memorable experiences. Children experienced what it was like to be a "land girl", explored air raid precautions, learnt about rationing and were put through a disciplined training experience as part of the Home Guard!

Reception Trip to Norwich Market



Reception children had a fantastic time at Norwich market! They walked sensibly with their partners and stayed close to their designated adult throughout. Using their coins, they each bought a piece of fruit or a vegetable from Mike and Deb's stall, demonstrating excellent independence.

They were polite and friendly when speaking to the stallholders, and we received many lovely comments from members of the public praising their behaviour. The children should be incredibly proud of themselves.

As always, a huge thank you to our parent helpers—your support made the trip possible!

Dr Mistry Science Show



We were very lucky to welcome Dr Nikhil Mistry (Head of Curiosity at Winchester Science Centre) to our school.

He delivered an exciting and interesting show about states of matter to all children in the school. Dr Mistry also introduced more advanced ideas, such as sublimation, and discussed the basics of atomic structure in a way that was accessible and fun for the children.

The session was very interactive, with plenty of opportunities for the children to observe, ask questions and take part in demonstrations. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and curiosity throughout.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a deeper understanding of how matter behaves in the world around them.

We owe a huge thank you to the PTFA for arranging this fantastic experience for the children!

The Royal Norfolk Show - Mini Cop Capsule Project 2026

The Eco Committee has begun an exciting new project linked to the Mini COP Time Capsule initiative, which they will be presenting at The Royal Norfolk Show next term. The children explored what they would like the future to look like in 40 years' time and discussed their hopes for a more sustainable world.



Working collaboratively, the class imagined different future "zones" for their poster design, including oceans, sustainable energy, schools, clean transport and communities. The children shared some fantastic ideas, such as schools filled with rooftop gardens and buildings covered in plants, rivers clean enough to swim in and cycle highways. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful discussions and creative ideas about protecting our planet and creating a better future for everyone.

Plants and trees in my local area

Children in Year 1 applied what they have been learning in school about plants and trees to a walk around a local park. They looked for different types of trees - deciduous and evergreen - and looked to identify different them by the leaf shapes.
They also looked out for plants, planted by people and any wildflowers.



Chess Tournament Winner

It's fair to say that chess has become something of an obsession across the school this year. With that in mind, we were delighted to bring back our annual chess tournament. Over the course of the term, forty-eight pupils competed, with each round narrowing the field until just one overall winner remained. The matches were highly competitive and exciting to watch, and we are pleased to announce that this year's overall winner was Harrison from Year 5. Well done Harrison!



Star Athlete update

Finally, an update about our star athlete who was mentioned in last term's celebration newsletter. Nina had her first big competition leading to the Nationals over our Easter break. She won three medals and qualified to represent the East at the National Finals at the end of May. This is fantastic news and shows what hard work and determination can do! Well done Nina!



Communication and Information Easy Access
Newsletters: http://www.freeschoolnorwich.org.uk/parents/newsletters/
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/The-Free-School-Norwich-102238845787805)
Twitter: https://twitter.com/freeschnorwich
OFSTED Parentview: https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/
Calendar: http://www.freeschoolnorwich.org.uk/school-calendar/
Amazon Wishlist:
https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1H53OWPFNIFOO?ref_=wl_dp_view_your_list